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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Tuesday, *the 14th of July 1931.*
30th of Mithunam 1106.

The House met at half-past Eleven, with the President in the Chair. Mr. K. Ramunni Menon was absent.

Swearing in of New Members.

The President and all the Members except Mr. K. Ramunni Menon (who was absent) and the Member for Chalakkudi (whose place was vacant) took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening Statement by the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Council:—It is first my pleasant duty to convey to you a message from His Highness the Maharaja. His Highness desires me to convey to the Members of this House His hearty felicitations and best wishes, on the happy occasion of the inaugural meeting of the third Council. His Highness has been pleased to mark this happy occasion by extending to this House the privilege of suggesting to him the name of one of its Members for appointment as Deputy President. Hon'ble Members will agree that this is an important addition to the privileges of this Council. It is in the nature of an experiment, but one which, it may be hoped, the event will justify.

I must next extend to all Hon'ble Members a hearty welcome to this Council on my behalf. It is gratifying to note that many of the Members of the last Council have been again elected to this. Their re-election must be to the Members themselves a gratifying proof of the continued confidence of their constituents, while their experience will doubtless be of great value in the deliberations of the Council. We are meeting at a time of difficulties and financial stress, but I have no doubt that, with the co-operation of this Council, these difficulties will be overcome and that the State will again achieve the prosperity which it was enjoying in the past.

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